Discrimination against Civilian Officers

1382. CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in MES a civilian officer in the scale of Rs. 22,400—26,400 is designated as Addl. Director General and Army Officer in the scale of Rs. 18,400—22,400 as Director General;

(b) if so, the reason for such discrimination against civilian officers; and

(c) action being taken to reverse the role of two officers as recommended by Fifth Central Pay Commission?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under examination in Ministry of Defence.

Sainik Schools in Himachal Pradesh

1383. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sainik schools functioning in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the number of sainik schools in Himachal Pradesh in order to encourage prosperity of soldiers due to large number of army personnel from the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?;

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) One at Sujanpur Tira in Hamirpur District.

(b) to (d) Under the present scheme, the respective State Government has to give an undertaking to meet the entire cost of setting up the infrastructure, maintenance and to bear an element of